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COMMUNICATION

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The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division:

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X A	US 6 010 987 A (PICTROSKI CHARLES FREDERICK ET AL) 4 January 2000 (2000-01-04) * claims 1-14 *	2, 14 1, 3-13	
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Extended European Search Report

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For further details of this pilot project, the applicant's attention is directed to the Official Journal edition 5/2003. If any further immediate questions or comments arise the EPO Customer Services: +31-70-340 4500 or +49-89-2399 2828 can be contacted.

The examination has revealed that the application or the invention to which it relates appear **not** to meet the requirements of the Convention (see comments on enclosed Form 2906).

If the applicant wishes to continue with this application the examination fee must be paid. Where appropriate amendments can be filed to address the objections raised in the opinion, thus shortening the overall procedure. If no amendments are filed, the opinion will be re-issued as the first official communication under Article 96(2) and Rule 51(2) EPC.

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The examination is being carried out on the **following application documents**:

Text for the Contracting States:

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Description, pages:

1-19 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-14 as originally filed

- 1) The following documents (D) are referred to in this communication; the numbering will be adhered to in the rest of the procedure:

D1: US-A-5 771 873
D2: US-A-6 010 987
D3: WO-A-99 60080
D4: EP-A-0 811 674

- 2) The present set of claims comprises 5 independent claims:

Claim 2 relates to a composition comprising an oil soluble organo-molybdenum compound. The subject-matter of this claim lacks novelty over the disclosure of D2-D4 (cf passages cited in the European Search Report).

Claim 14 is interpreted to relate to the use of an oil soluble organo-molybdenum compound in a lubricating composition. The subject-matter of this claim lacks novelty over the disclosure of D2-D4 (passages cited in the ESR).

Claim 7 is interpreted to relate to an internal combustion engine having one or more component parts coated with an DLC film or coating. The feature of the lubricating oil composition cannot limit the IC engine since it is not a permanent part of the engine. The lubricating composition on the DLC results only from the use of a lubricating composition in an IC engine which is, however, claimed in



claims 1,3-6 and 13. The subject-matter of claim 7 lacks novelty in view of D1 (see the claims and the comments of the applicant in the description of the present application). The claims depending on claim 7, eg claims 8-12, also lack novelty for the same reason.

Independent claims 1 and 13 are novel over the cited prior art. The friction reduction effect seems also to justify an inventive step of these claims.

- 3) The applicant is requested to file new claims which overcome the above objections.